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I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the proposed Microsoft Settlement. I am particularly concerned that while the settlement claims to require the publishing of windows API's, it defines and restricts this in a way that Microsoft can use to avoid complying with the spirit of the settlement. If anyone supposes that Microsoft will comply with the spirit of the settlement, they should examine Microsoft's history regarding previous government settlements, where they have consistently pushed the limits of what they themselves agreed to. In fact, that's mostly why they are back here in court now.

I urge you to change the settlement to be fairer to the customers and competitors of Microsoft. This is likely your only opportunity to do so. The amount of effort that the government must expend to bring cases like this to a successful conclusion is enormous and I'm sure any future DOJ will think twice before taking on the Microsoft monopoly. But since you already have the decree and judgments, lets finish the job and make the settlement one that is good for the free market of America.

Thanks you for letting me express my opinion on this matter.

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